THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.

On the romantic shore of Lake Lucerne,
Beneath my window are some garden walks,
Where now the autumnal frosts the foliage burn,
And hardy dahlias blacken on their stalks;
But many-leaved and fresh and fragrant, blows
One solitary flower—a perfect Rose.

This, full of crimson life, as if it had
No thought of death, I've watched, day after day,
While deep in snows the Rigi-Kulm was clad,
And deep the snows in clefts of Pilate lay—
Grim mount! above the clouds whose shape-drawn peaks
Have long presaged the storm—and now it breaks.

Like ships at sea, St. Gothard's summits strain,
And toward Tell's chapel all the storied scene
Is dashed with slanted streaks of misty rain;
There's not a spot of color or of sheen
In the dull landscape save that lonely Rose—
Leaden the sky, and gray the very snows!

With all of blushes and all fragrance rife,
Love's fragile banner to the gale unfurled,
Bloom bravely on! Yea, live thy little life,
O Rose! I would not pluck thee for the world,
'Twere sentimental folly that would shed
Thy sentien leaves to strew yon sodden bed.

"I am the type of the true poet's thought;
I am the type of the true lover's heart"—
These words, in melody of perfumes wrought,
Like notes of music did the flower impart—
"In gray-haired age my youth is fresh; I bloom
Up to the ice and blackness of the tomb.

"Thou in flesh, and in my petals I,
Are shadows; but a Soul is thine and mine.
I am a Vision, and a Prophecy!
And that which makes the poet's thought divine,
And love a subtler revelation still,
Is far more real than you rock-ribbed hill.

"A few short days, or hours, and I am gone.
But, lingering here, last of a happy race,
Into my bosom all thou lookest on
I gather up—but clothed in summer's grace
And I shall hang forever in thy mind,
A mystic Rose, immortally refined.

"Yea, these my perfumes shed shall hit thy sense
With spiritual power when I am dust,
Perchance the last survivor, æons hence,
Of men shall be a Poet and his trust
The perfect flower of Manhood, shall resign,
As I the perfect Rose, to Love divine."

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For the Household.

Another remedy for the sting of bees and wasps is common soda or saleratus and water. Rub a little of the moistened soda upon the part bitten and all pain will subside almost instantly. As this remedy is accessible to all, and we have often used it in our family we can strongly recommend it.—*Housekeeper.*

Horseraddish Sauce.—Mix a stick of grated horse-raddish with a wine-glass of cream, a teaspoonful of mustard, and a pinch of salt, and then stir in half a tumbler of the best white vinegar. Bruise with a spoon, and when thoroughly mixed together serve in a turreen.

Grape Jelly.—Take perfectly fresh grapes; then remove the stems and put the berries over the fire in an earthenware pan or porcelain-lined kettle; crush a few berries on the bottom of the kettle to prevent burning; let them boil up and remove from the fire and hang up in the jelly bag to drain; when the juice is all drained off weigh it, and return to the kettle and fire; boil it twenty minutes, skimming when necessary; then add three-quarters of a pound of sugar to each pound of juice, and boil till thick enough to suit.

Bread and Butter Pudding.—Butter a mold well; take any stale bread crusts or cake, grate or crumble it; put a layer of crumbs an inch thick in the mold; then strew some jam or sultana raisins, then a layer of crumbs, and so on, alternately, until the mold is full; then pour very equally over it a custard made as follows: Beat up one egg; add a tumbler or breakfast-cupful of milk to it, then a tablespoonful of sugar and a little grated nutmeg. It requires to be poured slowly into the mold, that the crumbs may absorb the whole. Bake it about twenty minutes or half an hour, according to the heat of the oven.

Peach Marmalade.—Take ripe freestone peaches; pare, stone and quarter them; to a pound of fruit allow three-quarters of loaf sugar, and half an ounce of almonds. Blanch the almonds in scalding water, and pound them until smooth. Scald the peaches in a very little warm water; mash them; mix them with the sugar and almonds, and put the whole into a preserving kettle. Boil it to a thick, smooth paste. Skim and stir it well, and keep the kettle covered as much as possible. Fifteen minutes will be sufficient to boil them. When cold put up in glass jars.

Tea Ice Cream.—Scald four tablespoonfuls of Hyson tea in a pint of sweet cream—it is best to scald it either in a custard kettle, or in a tin pail set within a kettle of boiling water. When partly cool strain it into a pint of cold cream, bring to a scald and stir in four beaten eggs and three-quarters of a pound of sugar. Let cool, and freeze. I have found that in making water ices, if the sugar is not well stirred in before freezing, it will sink to the bottom, and give the mixture a sharp, unpleasant taste. It is best to make a syrup of the sugar and water by boiling, and; when cold, to add the pure juice of the fruit.—*Rural New Yorker.*

Sour Milk—This is one of the best feeds for poultry, especially for young chicks, that can be given them; and we fear that its value is not fully realized by those generally that keep poultry in the country, as we are satisfied much refuse milk goes to waste that might be given to the hens as well as not. Young chicks thrive wonderfully upon a diet of sour milk, and it may be given to them in place of water to great advantage.

The London *Live Stock Journal* says British farmers get about 8d per gallon for milk, whilst it is sold to customers at 4d to 5d per quart—or the middleman gets more for selling the milk than the farmer for its production. The middleman gets the cream there as here.

Garden Work in July.

Keep planting a succession of some vegetables such as will be wanted late in the season, as corn, beets, cabbages, lettuce. Keep cultivating every week at least once, to prevent the weeds from getting a start. There is no royal way to kill weeds; but the nearest way to it is that of very frequnt cultivation. Sweet potato vines at the North should be lifted occasionally to prevent them from rooting. Cultivate melons and squashes often as long as the vines permit. Celery plants should be set out. Place them in soil which will not dry out. Celery is a marsh plant. Break the flowers off from rhubarb to prevent it from seeding, and that weakens the plants. Tomatoes should be trimmed and some low trellis placed near to keep them off the ground.

Pulverizing the Soil.

Long experience has shown that the practice of frequent stirring of the soil among hoed crops, has tendered to counteract the retarding influence of drouth. In the first place, the operation increases the growth of the plants, and sends their roots deeper into moist soil below. In some experiments, cultivating the corn crop, once a week or oftener, he added twenty bushels per acre to the product. More commonly the gain, although decided, has not been quite so great, the results varying with the fertility of the soil, and with the wetness of the season. Examination of the soil some inches below the surface in a dry time, shows much more moisture under a mellow surface than at the same depth in a hard baked soil. It is probable that in some instances the finely pulverized earth would dry less rapidly if pressed or rolled than if left quite loose and porous. But hardened by baking, after being soaked with water, the reverse would be unquestionably true.

In many parts of the country, crops are now suffering from drouth, and the course of treatment here indicated would tend to lessen its injurious effects. For corn it is generally admitted; but for potatoes it is less understood. It is true that the potato crop has been seriously injured by hoeing, when the earth was hot and dry, the soil being heaped about the plants. Hilling potatoes is always more or less hurtful, as different experiments have shown.

We have never found an instance where potatoes, after being planted four or five inches deep, in a good bed of mellow earth, did not give a heavier yield when cultivated flat, than when side by side the earth was thrown up against them. Farmers who fear the effects of drouth, may lessen them by keeping a mellow surface by the frequent passage of the cultivator, and by keeping the surface flat. They may beome easily satisfied on this point by treating alternate strips of land in both ways, and measuring the crops.—*Country Gentleman.*

Cheshire Cheese Making.

There is a vat vessel with a false bottom for hot water or cold to regulate the temperature of the milk, placed in a convenient room close to the other offices, and not far from the cow-house. To-night's milk is put into the vat and cooled down to 62 degrees. In the morning it is skimmed, the morning milk added, and the cream returned; the rennet and coloring matter added. It is then mixed well together, and the dairymsid goes to breakfast. The cheese comes and the temperature is raised to 100 degrees. After breaking down the whey it is drawn off in cisterns. As soon as the cheese is dry it is ground in a mill, salted, and put into the round vat or shapes, which are placed in the chosen oven, and kept at a temperature of 70 degrees.

A Cheshire cheese frequently weighs a hundred weight. A chees of half the weighs is now becoming popular. Still the labor would be very great but for the mechanical appliances. The whey, for insance, runs first into a convenient cistern indoors, and when the lighter parts have risen to the surface, the top is removed for the sake of the butter it contains, whey butter having become an article of much esteem when well made. The whey next runs into a deep tank near the piggeries, and is their pumped up into another cistern, mixed with meal, and placed before the pigs at the least possible expenditure of labor.

Getting Over Yellow Fever.

L., an army doctor, noted for his voracious appetite, was quartered in Kingston, Jamaica, and there got yellow fever. Bleeding, calomel, blisters, and the other stereotyped remedies of the day, failed to kill him, as they were killing scores around; he pulled through, physicians notwithstanding. One morning, during early convalescence, the highest medico-military authority of the island came to see him. "I'm awfully hungry," says the sick man. "I'd like a first-rate dinner to-day—some pepper-pot, mountain mullet, ducks and green peas, a black crab or two, and a jorum of sangaree." The Inspector General is dumbstruck at the nature and extent of his subordinate's *menu.* He shakes his head. "Gad, sir, it would kill you, certainly kill you. Take some chicken-broth, a little panada, and one glass no more—of Madeira. Ducks and green peas! Black crabs! Black death, sir!" and he goes his way. But L. sends for his cook; and although that functionary cannot get all the delicacies his master orders, does manage to secure the birds and the vegetables, which L. eats to the last fragment, washes down with a full allowance of sangaree, sleeps, and wakes in the morning like a giant refreshed. Then comes the chief for his customary visit, feels his patient's pulse, makes the usual professional inquiries, and is quite satisfied with his condition. "Ah!" he says, "better, d-e-c-i-d-e-d-l-y better in all respects: cool, quiet, normal. Now, my dear fellow, if you had eaten those things you wanted, and more especially ducks and green peas, we would have been, as I told you, measuring your coffin this morning, and playing the 'Dead March in Saul' at your funeral at sundown this evening. Good-day; you'll be at your duty soon." And he was. But, having told the story and raised the laugh the P. M. O. (Principle Medical Officer), that administrator sent him to vegetate at one of the most remote and out-of-the-way stations in the command, where even ordinary beef and yams were scanty and ducks and green peas impossible.

M'lle Felice Maxy, who lives on the farm of Pentecote, on the Belgian frontier, was on the point of being married when she received a letter from an old suitor, asking her to reconsider the matter, and send him an immediate reply. A postage-stamp was gallantly inclosed to pay the cost of transmission. The answer was duly written, M'lle Maxy applied the stamp to her lips, but hardly had she done so when she felt a sharp pain in her tongue, and in less than no time that interesting member became horribly elongated and inflamed, and covered with noisome sores. The disconsolate one, Alfred Camin by name, a farmer at Pichon, in the Nord, has been arrested; but he declares that he used no noxious drug, but simply moistened a corner of the stamp to his own lip—a delicate way of stealing a kiss. Such is the state of the case as it stands at present.

A Mystery.

Two darkies had bought a piece of pork, and Sam, having no place to put his in, entrusted the whole to Julius' keeping. Next morning they met, when Julius said:

"A most strange thing happened at my house last night, Sam. All mystery to me."

"Ah, Julius what was dat?"

"Well, Sam, this mornin' I went down into the cellar to get a piece of pork for breakfast, and I put my hand down into the brine, and felt all round, but no pork dere—all gone—couldn't tell what be went with it; so I turned up de barrel, and, Sam, sure as preachin', de rats eat a hole clear fru de bottom ob de barrel, and dragged de pork all out."

"Why didn't de brine run out ob de hole?"

"Ah, Sam, dat is de mystery.

As a rule bridesmaids purchase dresses that accord tolerably well with those of the bride, but an unlucky English girl went to the altar the other day in dove-colored silk, while her attendants were dressed in blue cashmere. The spectators must have had bad dreams.

Who Has Not Been Billious?

Probably no one. Doubtless we have all suffered to some extent the disagreeable sensation which a disordered or languid liver can inflict. Sallowness of the skin, constipation, nausea, vertigo, soreness in the vicinity of the organ affected, a sensation as of congestion in the head, positive headache, a loss of appetite, extreme thirst, a high color of the urine, are among the symptoms which announce a perversion or vitiation of the bile. The remedy of remedies for the above is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, administered by medical men; pronounced pure and wholesome by them, and popular as a comprehensive family medicine, and as a specific preventive and remedy for chills and fever and billious remittents throughout America, and to a wide extent in foreign countries. Disorders in the stomach and bowels, as well as liver, are speedily remediable with this popular and time-honored medicine.

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